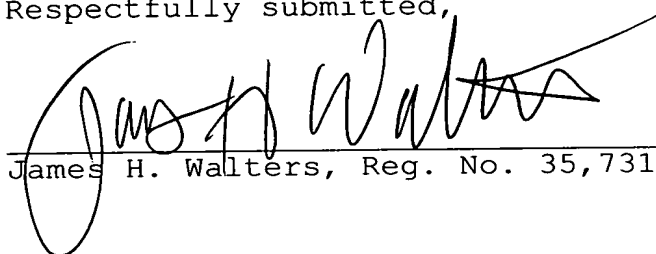


14. (Amended) The ink jet imaging apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the first circuit face or the second circuit face confronting the pushing member is flexible.

REMARKS

The above amendments are presented in order to put the multiple dependent claims in non-multiple dependent format.

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3. (Amended) The ink jet imaging apparatus according to claim 1 [or 2], wherein the second circuit face follows the first circuit face by movement in a direction crossing the first circuit face.

4. (Amended) The ink jet imaging apparatus according to [any of claims 1 to 3] claim 1, wherein the first circuit face follows the second circuit face by movement in a direction nearly parallel to the second circuit face.

5. (Amended) The ink jet imaging apparatus according to [any of claims 1 to 4] claim 1, wherein the second circuit face follows the first circuit face by movement in a direction nearly parallel to the first circuit face.

6. (Amended) The ink jet imaging apparatus according to [any of claims 1 to 5] claim 1, wherein the apparatus comprises a contact base which has the second circuit face fixed thereon and follows the first circuit face by movement in the crossing direction, and

a pushing member which is held at least between the second circuit face and the contact base and/or between the first circuit face and the printing head.

10. (Amended) The ink jet imaging apparatus according to [any of claims 6 to 9] claim 6, wherein the contact base has a

protrusion formed near the gravity center of the contact base and touching the carriage.

12. (Amended) The ink jet imaging apparatus according to [any of claims 6 to 9] claim 6, wherein the carriage has a protrusion to touch the contact base at or near the gravity center of the contact base.

14. (Amended) The ink jet imaging apparatus according to [any of claims 6 to 11] claim 6, wherein the first circuit face or the second circuit face confronting the pushing member is flexible.